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OF THE  
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OF THE  
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OF THE

Methodist Protestant Church

WHICH CONVENED WITH THE  
Church at Homer, Louisiana,  
October 29 to November 2, 1908.

TOGETHER WITH THE  
BY-LAWS, RULES OF ORDER AND ELEMENTARY  
PRINCIPLES OF THE SAME.

OFFICERS:

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## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The Sixty second session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened at Homer, La., Thursday, October 29th, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. After engaging in several soul-stiring songs and earnest prayers, Rev. E. M. Mouser, Secretary, read the 100 and 101 Psalm and led in an earnest prayer for the Divine presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit in the proceedings of the Conference. He then declared the Conference open for business. The President was absent, being detained on account of sickness.

The President being absent, on motion of Rev. A. J. Vallery, Rev. J. E. Gaar was elected president pro-tem, and on motion of Rev. E. M. Mouser, R. F. Crow was elected assistant Secretary. After the introduction the roll was called and the following named responded Viz:-

W. W. Lantrip x

E. M. Mouser,

J. E. Gaar,

T. C. Leckie,

W. M. D. Gaar,

R. F. Crow,

C. W. Sherman,

E. O. Hearn,

J. W. Terry,

F. L. Shows,

A. J. Vallery,

J. M. Owen,

G. J. L. Brown,

I. A. Patten,

J. C. Hearn,

John T. Smith, x

J. F. Hearn, x

P. A. Smart, x

W. P. Mason,

W. M. Platt,

W. P. Fowler, x

Mrs M. E. Pardue,

J. R. Gaar, x

W. F. Fordham,

L. M. Harp,

Mrs M. E. Bartlett,

W. Whittington, x

R. M. Guy, x

J. B. Blackburn,

A. J. McDaniel,

Floyd Williams,

T. H. Call, x

G. W. Tinsley, x

W. S. Dunn, x

J. R. Francis,

E. J. Vallery,

Mrs L. L. Mizell, x

W. F. Rogers,

T. L. Crumpler,

J. F. Reid, x

J. C. Little,

J. A. Holt,

A. Deville,

J. D. Rogers, x

M. S. Hollenshead,

R. L. Gunter, x

J. R. Downs,

D. H. Kirkpatrick,

W. A. Bozeman,

G. W. Rockhold,

A. G. Austin, Superannuated.

(Mark's x absent.)

The chair then appointed Rev's A. J. McDaniel, J. W. Terry, and G. J. L. Brown committee on Credentials.

On motion Bro. Bennett of the Gulf Mission Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and invited to an honorary seat in the Conference.

Sister A. W. Stewart, a worker in the missionary cause was invited to an honorary seat with the body. On motion the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the space in rear of the third window.

Rev. W. H. Coleman, of the M. E. Church South, was introduced to the Conference and invited to an honorary seat with us. The Chair announced the following committees: On pulpit service, Rev. E. M. Mouser and A. T. Nelson. On Itineracy and Orders, E. O. Hearn, C. W. Sherman and J. M. Owen.

Committee on Credentials made partial report, adopted.

#### Roll of Lay-representatives.

I. M. Erskins,	Hudson Circuit
J. F. Lolly,	Antioch Circuit
T. E. Bickham,	Arcadia Circuit
Mrs. J. H. McNeely,	Colfax Circuit
J. F. Hamilton,	Kelly Circuit
R. L. Harris,	Lanesville Circuit
T. I. Campbell,	Rice Circuit
Y. A. Roberts,	Monroe and Ruston Circuit
Harry Eagle,	Jena Circuit
W. M. F. Roberts,	Concord Circuit
A. W. Stewart,	Follock Circuit
W. G. Griggs,	Lone Star Circuit
John H. Laird,	Grayson Circuit
C. M. Hattox,	Gilbert Mission
H. F. Wilson,	Mt. Nebo Circuit
E. W. Corley,	Locust Grove Circuit
W. J. Ataway,	Queen City Circuit
Mrs. Lou Johnston,	Plain Dealing Circuit
J. F. Doing,	West Carroll Circuit
C. A. Shaw,	Hicks Circuit
B. J. Mays,	Ansley Circuit
John W. Lee,	Randolph Circuit
A. T. Nelson,	Spring Lake Circuit
E. E. Platt,	Ouachita Circuit
W. W. McDonald,	Jonesboro Circuit
H. P. Dance,	Shreveport Mission

On motion the time of the meeting of Conference was fixed at 8.30 a. m. adjourn at 10. 45 for preaching, meet at 2 p. m. adjourn at pleasure. On motion adjourned for preaching.

Introductory sermon by Rev. R. F. Crow. Text 1st. Tim. 4:16.

Afternoon 1st. day.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment Rev. J. E. Gaar in the chair. Divine service conducted by Rev. T. L. Crumpler. Roll called and corrected.

Rev. C. L. Queen, Sec. Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, was introduced to the Conference and has an honorary seat.

The Chair announced the following committees:

On official Character, T. C. Leekie, A. J. Vallery, F. L. Shows.

On motion the following resolution passed the house:

"Resolved that this Conference suspend article 22 of our By-laws and appoint a committee of three to be known as the committee on Pastor's reports, to which committee, the pastors shall submit their reports for examination; and upon this reading by said committee, the characters pass-carried unanimously." C. W. Sherman,

R. F. Crow.

Committee of Revision of By-laws, as announced by the Chair; Rev. W. M. D. Gaar, A. W. Stewart, J. W. Terry.

On motion, the Conference assisted by the president, appointed the following named brethren the committee on Pastor's reports:

Rev's A. J. McDaniel, W. F. Rogers and J. B. Blackburn.

Hon. W. A. Bennett was introduced to the Conference and invited to an honorary seat with the body.

On motion the Conference took recess until 4 o'clock for committee work.

Conference met pursuant to recess. On motion Rev. W. F. Rogers was elected Statistical Secretary.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow.

Second day-morning Session.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment, Rev. J. E. Gaar in the chair. Divine Services conducted by Rev. A. J. Vallery.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

Rev. F. C. Klein, corresponding Sec. Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board, Rev. W. F. Wingfield of Ark. Conference, Rev. R. H. M. Watson, Editor Christian Standard and Rev. A. B. Calk of Miss. Conference, were introduced to the body and invited to honorary seats.

The report of Conference Evangelist, Rev. J. E. Gaar, was read and received by the body.

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The report of Conference Missionaries, Mrs. M. E. Bartlett and Mrs. M. E. Perdue was read to the Conference and received. The chair then announced the following committees:

Committee on examination, J. W. Terry, J. C. Hearn, A. W. Stewart. Committee on Missions, T. C. Leckie, J. R. Francis, Mrs. M. E. Perdue, C. M. Hattox, H. T. Willson. Committee on Periodicals: W. M. D. Gaar, G. J. L. Brown, T. L. Crumpler, T. I. Campbell, W. G. Griggs. Committee on Finance: C. W. Sherman, J. C. Hearn, R. L. Harris, A. W. Stewart, W. M. F. Roberts.

Committee on Education: D. H. Kirkpatrick, A. J. Vallery, A. Deville, E. W. Corley, I. M. Erskins. Committee on Temperance: Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, W. M. Platt, W. J. Ataway, T. E. Bickham, W. F. Fordham. Committee on Credentials made supplementary report-adopted.

The time for electing officers of the Conference for the ensuing year, was fixed for tomorrow 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion, adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Second day- Afternoon Session.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment Rev. J. E. Gaar in the chair. Divine Services conducted by Rev. R. H. M. Watson.

On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The report of Rev. A. J. Vallery's Rescue work in New Orleans was read before the body and adopted.

Committee on pastors reports, made report to Conference which was received. However, two reports was withheld for correction, which called forth considerable comment-finally resulting in the referring of said reports to the committee.

Committee on Education made report-adopted.

Committee on pastor's reports, made supplementary report which was received

Committee on Credentials made supplementary report.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders made partial report, adopted. On motion 9 o'clock tomorrow morning be given to our connectional officers to address the Conference on the various interests of the Church-Amended by giving 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A letter from Miss Florence Williams, Missionary to India, was read before the Conference, and a motion followed to receive the letter and that greetings be sent from this Conference.

The president's report was received and read before the body, which was adopted, on motion, minus the financial report. On motion adjourned until tomorrow.



## Third day morning Session.

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment, Rev. J. E. Gaar in the chair. Divine services conducted by Rev. Q. C. Bennett. Roll called. Minutes read and corrected and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Geo. R. Brown, corresponding Sec-Treasuer of Board of Ministerial Education; Rev. L. C. Warwick L. P. of Ark. Conference, Rev. Lewis May of M. E. C. S., Bro. H. R. Knox, an aged veteran of the Ark. Conference, and Miss Jonnie Dance, Sec. of Board Louisiana holiness College, were introduced and invited to honorary seats. Committee on Finance reported, looked considerable comment; which finally carried with an amendment of 50 cts. per member for the rescue home in New Orleans.

Committee on Temperance reported adopted unanimously by rising vote. X The time for electing the president and secretary of Conference for another year having arrived, the chair announced, W. M. D. Gaar, A. T. Nelson and A. W. Stewart tellers-the ballot being carried Rev. W. W. Lantrip was declared unanimously elected, and R. F. Crow was declared elected Secretary.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for C. W. Sherman for Conference Steward.

The president being sick and absent, on motion Rev. J. E. Gaar was elected president pro-tem for the remainder of the session.

Rev's A. Low of the Centrial Texas Conference and A. B. Calk of Miss. Conference having come to us by transfer, the Conference proceeded to extend to them the hand of fellowship. Prof. R. C. Forman, of the Louisiana Holiness College, was introduced to the body and invited to a seat with us. On motion adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

## Second-day Afterneon Session.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. J. E. Gaar in the chair. Divine Service conducted by Rev. W. M. Platt. According to announcement by the conference, the hour is here to hear from the connectional officers-upon which Rev. C. L. Quinn, corresponding Sec-Treasuer of Home Mission Board, occupied the first part of the time in a talk unequalled in this conference. Dr. R. C. Brown, Sec-Treasuer of Board Ministerial Education, then addressed the Conference on his line; the talk was certainly blessed of the Lord. Rev. Dr. T. C. Klein, Sec-Treasuer of Foreign Mission Board, then addressed the body-surely the Lord is with him, God bless these dear men and send them to us again.

Committee on Missions made report to the Conference which was, on motion, referred to the committee,

Rev. Louis May, of the M. E. Church, presented greetings of the Gulf Mission Conference and asked fraternity of this Conference. On motion this Conference will send one Minister and one layman to bear the greetings of this body. On motion adjourned until Monday morning.

#### Fourth-day Morning Session.

After spending a most glorious day in praises to God, Conference convened pursuant to adjournment Rev. Secretary in the chair. Divine Services conducted by Rev. A. B. Calk. Roll called.

Reading of minutes deferred until the bretheren on committees shall have returned.

In the absence of the acting president, Rev. J. E. Gaar, Rev. W. M. Platt was called to the chair.

Committee on pastors reports made supplementary report-adopted. Rev. E. M. Mouser made a statement before the Conference of a ballance on hand amounting to \$13 remaining over expenses to meet the legislature as required last Conference, which, on motion was appropriated to Deligtes expenses to General Conference.

On motion, the hour of 10:30 is given to Sister Stewart to address the Conference.

On motion, in keeping with a former motion, Rev. J. E. Gaar was elected fraternal messenger to the Gulf Mission Conference of the M. E. Church and Bro. A. W. Stewart lay representative.

On motion, Rev. E. M. Mouser will bear greetings of this body to the Arkansas Conference. On motion Rev. A. J. Vallery bear greetings of this body to the Miss. Annual Conference.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved that the Sec. of this Conference send to each pastor the required report blank, 10 days prior to the sitting of the next Conference, which shall be handed to the committee on pastors reports not later than the 2nd. day of said Conference. R. F. Crow

J. E. Gaar.

Rev. Wharton of the Baptist Church was introduced to the body and invited to a seat with us.

Recess until 10:30.

Conference met pursuant to recess, and Sister Stewart was introduced to and addressed the Conference on the subject of



Woman's home missionary work.

After hearing Sister Stewart, the following resolutions prevailed: Resolved that this Conference approve the action of the ladies of our church in organizing the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the La. Conference M. P. Church, and that this Conference adopt it as a creature of the Conference and that the President of the Conference be authorized to appoint one member of the executive Board of said Society.

E. M. Mouser

J. E. Gaar.

The forgoing question was thoroughly ventilated and opened up before the Conference, finally resulting in the adoption of the resolution.

According to the resolution the President appointed as member of this Society Mrs. A. W. Stewart.

On motion, adjourned until 2. o'clock p. m.

Fourth day Afternoon Session.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. J. E. Gaar in the chair. Divine Service conducted by Rev. J. W. Terry. Committee on Credentials made supplementary report-adopted. Committee on pastors reports made supplementary report-adopted. Committee on Itineracy and orders made supplementary report which was favorably received; with regard to Rev. S. B. Walker. Committee on Missions report to the Conference-See Report, adopted. On motion, this Conference retains the old Extension Board.

The committee on examination read report, which was received.

An act to incorporate our Conference was presented to the body upon which W. M. D. Gaar was elected Vice-president and A. T. Nelson Treasurer. The following named brethren were appointed as directors or charter members: A. J. Vallery, T. C. Leckie, J. M. Owen, W. M. Platt and E. O. Hearn.

A resolution offered by Bro. J. B. Blackburn see report. Committee on revision of By-laws see report. Committee on Periodicals read report which see adopted. Bro. Vallery made statement with regard to his paper, the "Good Samaritan."

The Standing District Committee, W. M. D. Gaar, T. C. Leckie, J. C. Hearn, A. W. Stewart, W. W. McDaniel.

Committee on Thanks, D. H. Kirkpatrick and R. L. Harris. Committee on Finance made supplementary report-adopted.

On motion a collection was raised jointly for the acting

president and the secretary, amounting to \$12.20.

An act, incorporating the La. Annual Conference was read to the body by Bennett Esq. which was accepted with thanks.

On motion, J. M. Owen, A. J. Vallery, A. W. Stewart, be corresponding members of the Foreign Mission Board. J. M. Owen was elected president of this Board. Conference Steward read report which was received.

On motion, \$14.70 extension fund be paid on Sibley Church.

On motion, Conference appropriated the \$5.50 for Conference preachers, to Sister Wilson, at Hudson.

On motion, the \$22.50 Superannuate fund be appropriated to Bro. A. G. Austin.

The Conference proceeded to raise money for printing minutes amounting to \$25.00.

On motion, Monroe and Jonesboro were presented as the place for the holding of the next Annual Conference-Monroe was chosen.

On motion, a vote of thanks was extended to Bro. Q. C. Bennett for faithful service within our bounds.

On motion, Bro. W. M. D. Gaar preach the introductory sermon at next Conference.

On motion, recess until after-night session.

Conference resumed work at the close of the preaching service, and administration of the Lord's Supper which was a delightful service.

The Conference proceeded to the ordination of the 5 brethren elected by this body: J. B. Blackburn, E. J. Vallery, T. L. Crumpler, Floyd Williams and J. E. Reid.

Committee on appeals, A. W. Stewart, H. P. Dance, A. T. Nelson.

Committee on Thanks read their report-adopted.

Rev. L. M. Harp asked for recommendation to the Westminster College in Maryland. Granted.

Committee on Boundaries and stationing preachers reported-adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Church in Monroe Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Nov. 1909.

All engaged in singing the Doxology, and the benediction followed.

J. E. Gaar Pres. pro-tem,

R. F. Crow Secretary.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT.

To the sixty-second session of the Louisiana Annual Conference, assembled in regular session at Homer, La.

Dearly beloved:- I submit for your consideration the following, as my annual report for the year 1908. Although this has been a year of trials hardships and testings, in many respects, yet I can see, and am made to realize that the Lord has been very gracious to me, and that His blessings have been upon our work throughout the district.

God has led us through many difficulties, and into some real experiences, that will doubtless prepare us for wiser administrations and greater victories in the future.

The Church.: While we have not advanced in the way of new organizations and the accumulation of new church property, as in other years, (owing to the hard financial conditions) yet in most parts there has been an increase in members, and a steady growth in strength and Godly influence. The methodist protestant Church in Louisiana, stands for a full gospel, and deals with all manner of sin in such a severe and uncompromising way, that it renders her unpopular with the masses; but I believe God is using Her as a standard bearer, and while she continues to unfurl the banner of full salvation, and "contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints," Her influence will be felt and will tend to hold in check the awful tide of sin, and worldliness, and raise to a higher plain the teachings and religious influences of other ecclesiasticalisms of our country. If our Church remains true to God, She cannot be popular with the world. May God help her to keep true, and ever keep his approving hand upon Her. May He enrich Her policies and inspire the hearts of Her members and lead Her on from conquest to victory, till She has surmounted every barrier, vanquished every foe, and fulfilled Her God appointed mission, reached heaven, and lain at the feet of Her redeemer the laurels won in her earthly march. Amen.

Official duties.: In the beginning of the Conference year it was my full intention and heartfelt ambition to visit and preach to every class in the district, which purpose I succeeded in carrying into effect successfully until the failure of my health in the last days of June, since which time I have been able to do but little work, and have failed to reach four of our regular charges. About Dec. 5th; I released Bro. W. Whittington from the Summerville

mission, and appointed Bro. W. P. Cupples to take charge of same.

About the 21st. of Dec. by the consent of all concerned there was an exchange of appointments affected between Bros. Platt and Terry, Bro. Platt returning as pastor of Gilbert mission, and Bro. Terry taking charge of Jena Circuit.

On Feb. 15th. I released Bro. W. F. Rogers from the Winnfield station, and about the first of March appointed Bro. Floyd Williams as pastor in charge. On account of lack of financial support, some time about May, I gave my consent for Bro. D. H. Kirkpatrick to devote some time to evangelistic work, but to still keep the oversight of the work in Shreveport.

In response to an urgent plea by Bro. I. A. Patton for a release from the Ansley circuit. I released him about the first of June, and appointed Bro. W. Whittington in his stead.

About Dec. 25th. I received and accepted a letter of good standing from Sister E. J. Malone, of Ennis, Tex. and gave her an appointment of evangelist at large.

About the 20th. of Feby. I received the transfer of Bro. A. Low from the Southwest Texas mission Annual conference, and appointed him as pastor in charge of the Ruston and Monroe Circuit.

Our needs: Judging from the discouraging financial environments of our pastors, we would conclude that one of the greatest needs for the furtherance of the glorious cause which our Church represents is more funds. Still we read that "God is able to supply all our needs by Christ Jesus," hence it must be more faith that we need, anyway there should be an awakening among our people on the line of finance, and more particular care should be taken to the proper support of our pastors, that they may be able to do more efficient pastoral work. Again we are in great need of funds for the purpose of extending our Church work into new fields, therefore I would suggest that strong efforts be made throughout the district to raise a Church extension fund for this purpose. This work may be partly accomplished through the efforts of the Womans Home Missionary Society which has already been organized in some parts of the district during the past Conference year.

Missions: I trust that our people have not become altogether discouraged by the seeming failure to support the mission work in the City of Shreveport this year. We should never lose the missionary spirit but should continue to look beyond the narrow

limits of the territory now occupied by our district and earnestly endeavor to build up new work. There is much new and valuable territory to be occupied in our state and I would recommend that special attention be given to the rural districts of the more wealthy and thickly settled parishes of our state, as fields of opportunity for the home mission work of our Conference. Thanking the Conference for the courtesy shown me during the past year, and earnestly coveting an interest in your prayers, I beg to remain your humble servant, in Jesus name,

W. W. Lantrip, Pres.

#### REPORT CONFERENCE MISSIONARIES.

To the Conference now assembled in regular session. We beg to submit the following as our report of the work done by us this Conference year. Our labors together has been delightful, we have had the encouragement of the President, and the hearty cooperation of the Pastors among whom we have labored, and above all, God has graciously honored us with his presence. Many precious souls have been added to His kingdom through our humble ministry for which we are extremely grateful.

We have held 26 revival meetings all of which (with very few exceptions) have been within the bounds of this Conference. Have assisted in organizing two classes, and received 125 members into the Methodist Protestant Church. Baptized 56 adults and 29 children.

With our own contributions and collections we have taken, we are able to give the following financial report.

Pastor \$10.00.  
Missions \$72.50, and secured 7 subscriptions for the Standard

With the very best of feelings and hearts full of love toward all, and deeply desiring an interest in all your prayers, and again thanking this body for all their favors shown us.

We beg to submit this as our annual report. M. E. Bartlett.  
M. E. Perdue.

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**REPORT.**

We your committee on pastor's reports, will say, after examination, we find the following reports correct, and recommend their adoption.

J. R. Francis, J. A. Holt, F. L. Shows, G. J. L. Brown, E. O. Hearn, J. C. Little, A. Deville, C. W. Sherman, Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, Mrs. M. E. Perdue, W. F. Fordham, W. F. Rogers, A. J. Vallery, J. E. Reid, W. M. Platt, E. M. Mouser, D. H. Kirkpatrick, T. L. Crumpler, A. J. McDaniel, J. W. Terry, J. B. Blackburn, J. M. Owen, W. P. Mason, J. C. Hearn, W. P. Fowler, J. D. Rogers, J. R. Downs, (associate,) R. L. Gunter, W. A. Bozeman, G. W. Rockhold, J. R. Gaar, T. C. Leckie, A. Low, Floyd Williams, L. M. Harp, M. S. Hollenshead, W. Whittington.

Committee, A. J. McDaniel,  
W. F. Rogers,  
J. B. Blackburn.

**A RESOLUTION.**

Be it resolved that this Conference offer thanks to our representatives to the General Conference which met in Pittsburg, Penn. in May 1908, for their service, and that their positions and actions in performing the functions of their office be most heartily indorsed.

J. B. Blackburn.

We your committee on examination recommend that W. A. Bozeman, J. A. Holt, G. W. Rockhold and W. F. Fordham, be passed from first to second year, and their License be renewed.

We also recommend J. R. Francis, A. Deville, J. R. Downs, A. J. McDaniel and W. F. Rogers be passed to third year, and their License be renewed.

E. J. Vallery, T. L. Crumpler, J. F. Reid, J. B. Blackburn and Flyod Williams having completed the course of study, and having been employed by the Conference three year's, we recommend that they be elected to elders orders.

Revs. J. C. Little and M. S. Hollenshead having completed the course of study, but having not been employed the required three year's, we recommend for this year that their License be renewed.



We also recommend that T. H. Call be continued in the second year class, but given no License. That G. W. Tinsley, W. S. Dunn, Mrs. L. L. Mizzell and W. L. Gunter be dropped from the courses of study. That Bro. A. B. Calk be placed in the third special year class, and his License be renewed.

A. Low,  
J. W. Terry,  
J. C. Hearn,  
A. W. Stewart.

We your committee on Iteneracy and Orders beg to submit the following supplementary report. We recommend that Rev. S. B. Walker of the Centrial Texas Conference be received into this Conference.

E. O. Hearn,  
J. M. Owen,  
C. W. Sherman.

#### COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We your Committee on Missions submit this our report. We consider the mission work of this Conference to be of great importance. Indeed to us it seems the field is white unto Harvest. Even at our very doors can be heard the Maccendonian's cry- "Come over and help us." People are looking this way for help, and souls are famishing for want of assistance that we might give. Hence much depends upon us as a Church relative to this great question, and by all means we should redouble our efforts along the line of missions.

We are glad to be able to state that our efforts this Conference year in the special Home Mission work has not been in vain as we have made marked progress both in the City and rural districts. The work at New Orleans under the supervision of Rev. A. J. Vallery has reached out far beyond our expectations and the foundations laid for a great and mighty work in the City. We look forwaad to the time when this Conference will with gratitude view the work in the city of New Orleans.

We regret very much to state that the work in Shreveport, has met with very little success this year, owing to the depressed financial condition, of which the Stationed Missionary had no power over.

The Gilbert Mission under the management and care of Rev. W. M. Platt is now in condition to be detached from the Gilbert

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Mission and formed into a circuit which will be fully competent to sustain a pastor.

Other mission fields within the bounds of this Conference have, we understand, made rapid progress but this committee is not in possession of anything definite to report. We are also glad to note the progress our Church is making through our general Home Mission board, also the Foreign work.

Viewing the needs of the various mission fields that are now open to us and feeling we should be better organized so that we might accomplish the work more successfully. This committee recommends that this Conference adopt as best they can the work of the Church Extension board as found in Book of Discipline, page 109 in new Discipline, and page 133 in the old one.

We also call the attention of this Conference, to the need of foreign mission work. Please also note that this Conference is expected to elect three of its members as corresponding members of the Board of Foreign Missions, they to constitute an advisory council to cooperate with the Board in its plans and work.

T. C. Leckie,  
Mrs. M. E. Perdue,  
J. R. Francis,  
C. M. Haddix.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

In regard to the work in Shreveport, that the Conference appoint a committee of three to go to Shreveport and investigate the need of the work and act according to its demands, and we suggest the following named brethren as the committee: Rev's. J. E. Gaar, D. H. Kirkpatrick and H. P. Dance. In regard to the Church at Winnfield, we suggest that this Conference take some action in regard to the same at once.

T. C. Leckie,  
H. F. Willson,  
C. M. Haddix,  
Mrs. M. E. Perdue.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the President and members of the 62nd Annual Conference.

We your committee on finance wish to submit the following report.

1st. We recomend that the Conference appoint a committee to take up and place the President on a stipulated salery to be apportioned to the different circuits according to their ability to pay.

2nd. We futher recomend that the Conference appoint a committee to make this assessment to the several circuits and report same to this Conference while in session.

3rd. For the home and foreign mission 10 cents per member based on the statistical report of this the 62nd annual session of the Conference. For Conference home mission fund 50 cents per member. For superanuated ministers 5 cents per member. For ministerial education 10 cents per member.

4th. We recomend futher that every pastor require his or her stewarts to make an assessment on every member of his or her class in proportion to his or her ability, and have same read in open Church Conference and if approved by said Conference that same be binding on each member.

An amendment was offered to this report assessing each member of our church 50 cents for the rescue home in New Orleans, the amendment was adopted.

C. W. Sherman,  
A. W. Stewart,  
W. M. F. Roberts,  
R. L. Harris,  
J. C. Hearn.

## SUPPLIMENTARY REPORT.

We your committee on finance beg to submit the following report on president salery; which by the aid of the pastor's and delegates from the different circuits is as follows as far as we have been able to receive information on the different works.

Hudson Circuit \$25.00, Jena Circuit \$25.00, Spring Lake Circuit \$75.00, Arcadia Circuit \$25.00, Kelley Circuit \$15.00, Pollock Circuit \$50.00, Concord Circuit \$50.00, West Carroll Circuit \$20.00, Rice Circuit \$30.00, Mt. Nebo Circuit \$25.00, Plain Dealing Circuit \$20.00, Randolph Mission \$10.00, Antioch Circuit

\$20.00, Lone Star Circuit \$10.00, Jonesboro Circuit \$75.00, Hicks Circuit \$55.00, Lanèsville Circuit \$35.00, Ansley Circuit \$45.00, Winnfield Circuit \$25.00, Locust Grove Circuit \$30.00, Grayson Circuit \$40.00, Ouachita Circuit \$20.00, Queen City Circuit \$25.00, Monroe Circuit \$50.00, Winnsboro Circuit \$15.00. Total \$815.00.

C. W. Sherman,  
A. W. Stewart,  
J. C. Hearn,  
R. L. Harris,  
W. M. F. Roberts.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance submit this our report. The Methodist Protestant Church throughout its history has taken a high position on the subject of temperance, and we are glad that this Conference has not kept silent on this great evil of intemperance, whose afful ravages are on the increase, and whos inevitable efforts upon men in all works of life are fearful and destructive, beyond description. We therefore reccomend that this Conference redouble its energy and press forward in the fight against intemperanc in all its forms and the use of liquor as a beverage its most destructive forms among men.

We praise God for the great progress of the temperance move of to day, in the United States and Canada, the year 1907, has proven the most remarkable year in the whole History of the prohibition moment, in fact in some respects the reform has made more apparent progress in the last 12 months past than in half a century proceeding. One year ago, January 1907 there were only 3 prohibition states, Maine, North Dakota and Kansas, with a population of 1800,000. To day there are 6 prohibition states, Alabama, Georgir, Kansas, North Dakota, Maine and Oklahoma, with a total population of 9,145,492. There are many other states where prohibition campaigns are actively under way. We are praying that they too will soon gain the victory, and sweep over our own beloved state. Realize that whiskey is not the only intemperate practice that is wrecking the lives of our people when we look on the moving mass of humanity and see the waste of money, time, talent and manhood, last but not least to see the spirituality of pulpit and pew sapped on the account of the filthy weed tobacco,

it is enough to stir the heart of every earnest thinking man or woman.

Seeming the effect of the great evils, Whiskey, Tobacco and other narcotics, which deadens the sensibilities and disqualifies our young people in filling many positions of trust, and finally destroying their souls.

Be it resolved that this Conference condemn the use and sale of liquor and tobacco's in all of its forms, and we further recommend that our pastors teach the people concerning this and all the evils of intemperance and that they rebuke all long sufferings and doctrine all who persist in any of these evil practices but that they do so after much prayer and not in the spirit of censure but a spirit of Love and meekness and in the fear of God.

Mrs. M. E. Bartlett,  
W. M. Platt,  
T. E. Bickham,  
W. J. Attaway,  
W. F. Fordham.

Report of committee on Christian Education was submitted and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Christian Education, beg to report that by this expression we mean the right development of the three-fold nature of man—mind, body and spirit. Our secular schools are giving themselves to the education of the mind, and the building up of a strong, healthy, physical body. These are good if put under the proper spiritual restraint. But to develop a healthy, strong physical body is to make a burly brute. To give all our time and attention to the cultivation of the mind, is to make sickly sentimental individuals. To combine physical with the highest mental training is to prepare and place in the hands of the enemy of our moral and civic institutions a sharpened instrument to work our own destruction. But if these trained minds and developed physiques are harnessed side by side and governing power is vested in a spirit taught to know and feel its obligation to the world and its responsibility to God. Then they will make a most excellent team, and thus guided will draw us on, and bring us to final and glorious success. This is the aim and end of Christian education. For this purpose God is establishing schools all over our land. We can only call attention to a few of these, but of these we mention Asbury College of Kentucky, Rusken Cave College of Tennessee, Westminster College at Tehaucana Texas,

Western Maryland, Theological Seminary, Westminster College at Westminster, Md., the Pentecostal Bible School of Nashville, Tenn., the Arkansas Holiness College of Vilonis, Ark., the Male and Female College of Meridian, Miss., the Texas Holiness University at Penil, Texas, and last, but not least, and of the most importance to this body we call attention to the Holiness College and Commercial Institution of Hudson, La. To our best knowledge and belief this institution is Providential and is in answer to much fasting and prayer. This is a child of Louisiana which with great possibilities of good has been of God cast into our midst. God has in the last decade through the preaching of the gospel in its fulness, given a most marvelous impetus to the M. P. Church of Louisiana and Mississippi, and has saved and called to the ministry a host of most excellent young men and women. These generally need some better mental training for this God-appointed work, hence, seeing that it is impossible for many of these to go away to school, God in His wisdom has placed this school at their very doors. Therefore we recommend that as many of our young preachers and Christian workers as can attend this school, and that where they are not financially able to do so the congregation where they hold membership will take the matter up and as far as they can, make it possible for such to attend school.

Very Respectfully submitted,

D. H. Kirkpatrick,  
A. Deville,  
I. M. Erskins,  
E. W. Corley,  
A. J. Vallery.

#### REPORT ON REVISIONS OF BY-LAWS.

We, your committee on revision of By-laws, beg leave to recommend that you Eliminate the latter clause of the sentence in Sec. 2. In Sec. 4, add, By vote of the Conference. In Sec. 6, strike out the words, "And read in open Conference," and insert and hand in to the committee appointed by the Conference on pastors reports.

W. M. D. Gaar,  
J. W. Terry,  
A. W. Stewart.



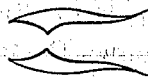
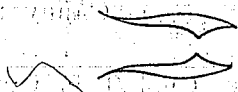
## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICAL.

To the President and Members of the Conference: We, your committee on Periodicals, beg to submit the following report: We find that the "Methodist Protestant," and the "Methodist Recorder," the official organs of the Methodist Protestant Church, have a very small circulation among our people, and as we think it necessary that we read the official organ of our church, in order that we may keep informed in regard to the work of the church, not only in the bounds of this Conference, but the work at large. Furthermore we don't believe that we can be intelligent Methodist Protestant's without reading our official organ. Therefore we recommend that our preachers on their respective charges, during the ensuing year, to urge the people to subscribe for and read at least one of the official organs of our church.

Furthermore, in view of the pressing need of a Conference periodical in which the doctrine of entire sanctification as a definite second work of grace subsequent to regeneration can be taught, and feeling as we do, that unity gives strength, therefore we recommend that this Conference continue to recognize the "Christian Standard," edited by Rev. R. H. M. Watson, of Euriel, Miss., as its Conference organ, and that our President be requested to announce his presidential appointments in both the "Methodist Protestant" and the "Christian Standard." We also recommend that our people take the "Good Samaritan," and that our ministers and preachers of this Conference subscribe for and solicit subscriptions for the Christian Standard, Good Samaritan and also the "Home Mission Bulletin."

Respectfully Submitted,

W. M. D. Gaar,  
G. J. L. Brown,  
T. L. Crumpler,  
T. D. Campbell,  
W. G. Griggs.



REPORT OF BOUNDARY AND STATIONING COMMITTEE.

Monroe Circuit, Monroe and Drew, A. Low Pastor, P. O. West Monroe, La.

Antioch Circuit, Head's school house, Antioch, Walnut Grove, Pleasant Valley, W. F. Fordham Pastor, P. O. Hoods Mill, La.

Arcadia Circuit, Arcadia, Cross Roads, Providence, Bethlehem, Spring Hill, J. W. Terry Pastor, P. O. Arcadia, La.

Lanesville Circuit, Halls Summit, Sibley, Gibsland, Alberta, J. C. Little Pastor, P. O. Gibsland, La.

Jonesboro Circuit, Jonesboro, Evergreen, Center Point, Antioch, Wyatt, J. B. Blackburn Pastor, P. O. Jonesboro, La.

Dodson Circuit, Dodson, Winona, New Hope, Union Hill, Unsupplied.

Hudson Circuit, Hudson, Winnfield, T. C. Leckie Pastor, P. O. Hudson, La.

Ansley Circuit, Ansley, Quitman, Oak Grove, Ruston, I. A. Patton Pastor, P. O. Ansley, La.

Hicks Circuit, Mt. Zion, Union, Verda, Summerfield, Atlanta, Cooley, C. W. Sherman Pastor, P. O. Montgomery, La.

Jena Circuit, Jena, Damascus, Selma, Moore, Lovets Chapel, Stewarts Chapel, G. J. L. Brown Pastor, P. O. Jena, La.

Spring Lake Circuit, Homer, Bethlehem, Shiloah, E. M. Mouser Pastor, P. O. Homer, La.

Concord Circuit, Concord, Chatham, Union, R. F. Crow Pastor, P. O. Chatham, La.

Grayson Circuit, Grayson, Shiloah, Clarks, A. B. Calk Pastor, P. O. Clarks, La.

Kelly Circuit, Kelly, Delaney, A. J. McDaniel Pastor, P. O. Kelly, La.

Locust Grove Circuit, Locust Grove, Hickory Grove, Bethel, Cypress, Pleasant Grove, Ball, Tioga, E. J. Vallery Pastor, P. O. Effie, La.

Pollock Circuit, Colfax, Pollock, Bentley, Clear Creek, Spring Hill, J. C. Hearn Pastor, P. O. Grayson, La.

Lone Star Circuit, Counterline, Oak Grove, Zora, Caney, Sardis, F. L. Shows Pastor, P. O. Chatham, La.

Mt. Nebo Circuit, Mt. Nebo, Bethel, Mt. Ariel, T. L. Crumpler Pastor, P. O. Haynesville, La.

Ouachita Circuit, Ouachita, Pine Grove, Marion, Unsupplied.  
Rice Circuit, Mt. Pleasant, Bills Creek, Luna, Union Grove,  
E. O. Hearn Pastor, P. O. Chatham, La.

Queen City Circuit, Terry's Chapel, Courtland, Roberts, Souls,  
State line, A. Deville Pastor, P. O. Queen City, Texas.

Plain Dealing Circuit, Antrim, Union Grove, Plain Dealing,  
Concord, J. M. Owen Pastor, P. O. Plain Dealing, La.

West Carroll Circuit, Forest, Locust Grove, Oak Grove, Kil-  
burne, Dr. S. B. Walker Pastor, P. O. Forest, La.

Winnsboro Circuit, Winnsboro, Gilbert, Beulah, Cedar Grove,  
J. R. Downs Pastor, P. O. Winnsboro, La.

New Orleans Mission, A. J. Vallery Pastor, P. O. New Orleans,  
La.

Shreveport Mission, D. H. Kirpatrick Pastor, P. O. Shreveport,  
La.

Black River Mission, Larto Church, J. T. Smith Pastor, P. O.  
Buckeye, La.

Randolph Mission, Unsupplied.

Mangham Mission, W. M. Platt Pastor, P. O. Ouachita City,  
La.

J. R. Gaar, Baltimore, Md.

J. E. Gaar Conference Evangelist, P. O. Hudson, La.

Conference Missionaries, Mrs. M. E. Bartlett and Mrs. M. E.  
Perdue, P. O. Atlanta, Tex.

R. M. Guy and Mrs. E. J. Malone Evangelist at large

W. M. D. Gaar, Christian Education, P. O. Hudson, La.

J. F. Hearn, P. A. Smart, W. P. Mason, W. P. Fowler, L. M.  
Harp, W. Whittington, Floyd Williams, J. R. Francis, W. F. Rogers,  
J. F. Reid, J. A. Holt, J. D. Rogers, M. S. Hollenshead, G. W.  
Rockhold, W. A. Bozeman, in the hands of the president.

J. E. Gaar Chairman of Committee.

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the ministers and members of the Louisiana Conference  
Methodist Protestant Church, do sincerely beg to tender our  
thanks to the dear people of Homer for the many courtesies shown  
us since we came among them in so many ways too numerous to  
mention. We wish to tender to the different pastors and mem-  
bers of the various churches, our thanks for the uses of their  
houses of worship and their hearty cooperation with us. We also  
wish to tender special thanks to Col. W. A. Bennett for his kind-  
ness in drafting the Charter for the La. Conference Methodist

Protestant Church, and also to the Rail Roads for kindness shown.

We recommend a copy of this be furnished the Christian Standard and the city paper of Homer for publication.

Respectfully,

R. L. Harris,

D. H. Kirkpatrick.

### BY-LAWS.

Sec. 1. No delegate shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials, or other satisfactory evidence of his election; and in the case of alternate, the certificates shall so express it.

Sec. 2. Delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected by the members in good standing and in full membership, over the age of eighteen years. In circuits, stations and missions, it shall be the duty of the pastor to designate the time and place, and give due notice of the election. The election shall be held under the direction of the Stewards; and they shall act as judges of the election, and cause the same to be returned to the Fourth Quarterly Conference; there to be compiled and consolidated. The person or persons receiving a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected delegate or delegates, and next highest shall be the duly elected alternate or alternates, and receive certificates accordingly, provided that in the case of a tie, members of Quarterly Conference by a majority vote, shall decide, and provided further, that in case the delegate and alternate, elected from any work, are providentially hindered from attending the Annual Conference to which they were elected, then the pastor in charge shall have the right to appoint a suitable person to represent such work in the Conference.

Sec. 3. No person shall be elected to orders, except he be a man of exceptional moral character, genuine piety, respectable attainment, and sound in the belief of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity; and faithful in the discharge of Gospel duties.

Sec. 4. No minister in good health shall be left without ministerial work for more than one year; at the end of which time he shall resume his itinerate labors, or be transferred to the unstationed list, and if so transferred shall receive a certificate of his standing. This rule shall apply to any minister so transferred,

provided he, at his own request, may locate, by vote of the Conference.

Sec. 5 No minister or preacher appointed to a circuit, station or mission, shall cease from the labors assigned him by the stationing authority until his term of service shall have expired, except by consent of the President, for reasons, by him deemed sufficient.

Sec. 6 Each pastor shall be required to make a report of his labors in disciplinary form, and hand in to the committee appointed by the Conference on pastors reports, before his official character shall pass. Should any pastor fail to discharge his duties herein set forth, and made obligatory upon him by the discipline, such failure shall be sufficient cause for a reprimand by the Conference for first offence, and location by a vote of the Conference for the second offence.

Sec. 7 The Board of Stewards of each charge shall, soon after the adjournment of the Annual Conference, meet and in committee with the pastor, make the assessments as required by the Discipline and By-laws, proportion same to the several classes and see that same is collected in due time, and payed over to the proper persons or boards to receive same, taking receipts therefor.

Sec. 8. On all subjects involving the financial interest of the church, no one shall be entitled to a vote except those who are eighteen years of age, and are contributing members in full membership.

Sec. 9. Any member twenty-one years of age, and in good standing and full membership for one year is eligible to any office in the church, and as a delegate to the Annual Conference, provided, that where a church, circuit, station or mission has no member of said age they may place in office in the church, or elect as delegate to the Annual Conference such as are not twenty-one years of age and such as have not been members one year.

Sec. 10. Due notice shall be given previous to any action to be taken that involves the financial interest of the church.

Sec. 11. The term of office of Conference Steward shall be one year.

Sec. 12. The Conference Steward shall be required to receive and hold all money collected for the various benevolent purposes from the different charges, also Conference collections.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the Conference Steward to settle all incidental expenses of the Conference out of the Conference collections during its session, and present the remainder to the Conference for disbursement.

Sec. 14. He shall pay over to the different boards, or the persons authorized to receive same, all money received for the various benevolent purposes, taking receipts, and of which and all other business in his hands shall make a proper exhibit to the Conference during the session at which he was appointed, also at the expiration of his term of office.

Sec. 15. Each pastor shall call the attention of each class under his charge quarterly to the amount of his assessment for the current year made by the stewards. In failure of which, class stewards will not be held responsible for the pastor's part of said assessment.

Sec. 16. There shall be appointed at each session of the Annual Conference a minister or preacher to preach an opening sermon at the sitting of the next annual session.

Sec. 17. The proceedings of the Annual Conference shall be recorded by the Secretary, and properly arranged for printing in the annual minutes for which he shall receive a reasonable compensation and the minutes shall be signed by the President and the Secretary.

Sec. 18. The Secretary shall take charge of all books, journals, records and proceedings of Conference and transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

Sec. 19. The President shall be the stationing authority of this Conference, calling to his aid, as council, one layman from each work represented.

Sec. 20. In stationing the ministers and preachers there shall not be given to any one an appointment who, in the opinion of a majority of the members, is incompetent to the duties thereof, or who they believe will neglect the appointments, and such ministers and preachers, may be transferred by Conference to the unstationed list, provided, however, that no minister or preacher, who in the judgement of Conference is entitled to a superannuated relationship shall be transferred.

Sec. 21. It shall be the duty of the President to see that deeds are taken to all the church property belonging to the Methodist Potestant Church in the Louisiana District and have same recorded.



Sec. 22. These By-laws can only be changed, altered or amended by giving tow day's notice in open Conference of such change, alteration or amendment, and it will require a two-thirds vote of the members belonging to that session of Conference.

### RULES OF ORDER.

Sec. 1. The Conference shall meet at 10 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at 11 o'clock a. m., meet at 2 o'clock p. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

Sec. 2. The President shall take the chair on time, and cause the Conference to be opened with religious services.

Sec. 3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference, but, in case of such appeal, the question will be taken without debate.

Sec. 4. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

Sec. 5. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference, he shall distinctly announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Sec. 6. All motions and resolutions shall be written, if the President and Secretary request.

Sec. 7. When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution introduced and seconded, or a report presented, and is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover with consent of the Conference at any time before amendment or decision.

Sec. 8. All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Sec. 9. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of; which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions should intervene, which shall have precedence in the order which they are placed, namely: 1. Indefinite postponement; 2. Laying on the table; 3. Reference to a committee; 4. Postponement to a given time; 5. Substitute; 6. Amendment. A substitute or amendment may be amended.

Sec. 10. When any member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Sec. 11. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, and any member may explain, when he thinks himself misrepresented.

Sec. 12. When a member wishes to speak to a question of privilege he shall briefly state question, but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall have decided it a privileged question.

Sec. 13. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, or more than ten minutes one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, provided, however, that the mover of a resolution, or a committee making report, shall in all cases be entitled to five minutes to close the debate.

Sec. 14. When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration, but a motion to reconsider a non-debatable motion shall be decided without debate.

Sec. 15. No member shall absent himself from the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

Sec. 16. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar when such question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, when he has been necessarily absent.

Sec. 17. Every member who is in the bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reason, excuses him.

Sec. 18. It shall be in order for any member to call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference, and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present, the vote thereon shall be taken by the yeas and nays.

Sec. 19. It shall be in order to move that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending before the Conference; except, in case in which character is involved; and if sustained by a vote of two-thirds, the question shall be so taken.

Sec. 20. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

#### ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES.

Sec. 1. A Christian church is a society of believers in Jesus Christ, and is of divine institution.

Sec. 2. Christ is the only Head of the Church, and the Word of God the only rule of faith and practice.

Sec. 3. No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and obeys the Gospel of God, our Savior, ought to be deprived of church membership.

Sec. 4. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in matters of religion, and equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the right of his fellow men.

Sec. 5. Church trials should be conducted on Gospel principles only, and no minister or member should be ex-communicated except for immorality, the propagation of unchristian doctrine, or for the neglect of duties enjoined by the Word of God.

Sec. 6. The pastoral or ministerial office and duties are of Divine appointment, and all elders in the church of God are equal,

but ministers are forbidden to be lords over God's heritage, or to have dominion over the faith of the Saints.

Sec. 7. The church has the right to form and enforce such rules and regulations as is inherent in the ministers and members of the church, but so much of the power may be delegated from time to time, upon a plan of representation, as they may judge necessary and proper.

Sec. 8. It is the duty of ministers and member of the church to maintain godliness, and to oppose all moral evil.

Sec. 9. It is obligatory on ministers of the gospel to be faithful in discharging their pastoral and ministerial duties, and it is obligatory on its members to esteem the ministers highly for their work's sake, and render them a righteous compensation for their labors.

Sec. 10. The church ought to secure at all her official bodies the necessary authority for good government; but she has no right to create any distinct or independent sovereignties.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

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